

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

I've never been much on borrowing things for the simple reason I worry the entire time that something will happen to them. Unfortunately, around this house I'm usually right.

Nothing really big, mind you. Perhaps nothing more than a small scratch — like on the rear fender of somebody's new Cadillac. And on another occasion, one of the straps on a borrowed suitcase fell off and the question arises, "Was it ready to fall off or did we do it?"

Before you have a chance to get it repaired, however, the owner will want it back, and, in fact, is on his way over to pick it up. So you face the embarrassment of handing him his suitcase with a clothesline rope tied around it.

Currently I face the sticky situation of returning all of the camping equipment we borrowed this summer, a situation I should have faced weeks ago. Nothing is broken, actually. It's just that everything was given to us in neat, compact little bundles. And now? Well...

Take the tent. When friend Mac McGraw offered us his umbrella tent to go camping, I had no idea that in its condensed state it WAS an umbrella. About as thin as the one Neville Chamberlain used to carry around.

There was no problem in putting it up. All you had to do was push up the spokes — like an umbrella — and that was it.

It was even easy to take down, although we made the mistake of pulling out all of the pegs which held down the corners while Brian was still inside unfastening the spokes. Thus the whole operation fell on top of him and the kid had a little difficulty in finding his way out.

But how do you re-roll this huge canvas tent — which sleeps six — and put it back into the small container from whence it came? It's like trying to fold the Manhattan phone book into 16 parts.

Undoubtedly there is a secret to it, like re-folding a map properly. But as of now the tent lies in a huge lump in the garage, waiting for Mac.

I'm relieved, at least, that the sleeping bags are ours, because we've never been able to remake them into the tight little rolls, the way they were when we bought them. We tie them with my husband's old neckties. That is, when we run out of rope used for suitcases.

Then there are the camp cots. How do you make them smaller? Moreover, I know that one of the wooden brackets is missing, which holds the whole thing up. I vaguely remember one of the kids shouting over the dwindling campfire, "Here's a nice piece of kindling."

And why don't those two extra pots fit the nest of camping utensils?

Transit Route Changed

Heavy traffic on the Harbor Freeway in Los Angeles has forced Southern California Rapid Transit District to detour its South Bay Freeway Flyer line to surface streets — between Adams Boulevard and downtown — after inability to maintain rush-hour schedules.

Raymond W. Gareau, RTD manager of operations, said the buses will save as much as eight minutes in travel time by using Flower Street — instead of the freeway — in the downtown area.

Gareau noted that other Freeway Flyer lines using the Harbor Freeway switched to surface street operation in the Central City sometime ago because of congestion.

The Freeway Flyer Line was established to provide faster morning and evening service between Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Los Angeles.

Arnold to Open Headquarters

Gary Arnold, Republican candidate for the State Senate in the 31st District, will open his campaign headquarters Saturday at 221 E. Queen St., Inglewood.

Arnold and his staff will be present from 1 to 5 p.m. to meet voters. Major Jose Duarte, a Cuban freedom fighter, will attend the opening.

Reagan Vetoes Bill On Gun Registration

SACRAMENTO — Governor Ronald Reagan has given a boost to the anti-gun registration forces by vetoing a bill which would have required an applicant for a license to carry a concealed weapon to reside within the city or county served by the licensing officer.

The veto was one of four major subjects which Reagan rejected with vetoes.

On the gun bill, SB 1223 by Senator George R. Moscone (D-San Francisco), Reagan called for more legislative study. He said "The entire question of the issuance by local law enforcement officials of licenses to carry concealed firearms is a difficult one. There is a difference of opinion among issuing authorities."

THE BILL would have deleted boards of police commissioners, city and town marshals from the list of persons authorized to issue a license.

A bill, AB 730 by Assemblyman John Veneman (R-Modesto), which would have set up a separate retirement system for approximately 600 state employees also gained the governor's veto.

He charged the cost to the "state's taxpayers would amount to an estimated equivalent of \$1,800,000 a year as a result of providing a very rich retirement plan to a very few state employees." He said he supported salary and retirement benefits equitable to public employees and taxpay-

ers alike but vetoed the bill because it was inequitable.

THE GOVERNOR also vetoed AB 1465, by Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh, which would have created another state employment program for youth. The governor said the state already has a "highly successful" program.

The final veto was on SB 517, by Senator Ralph Collier (D-Yreka), which granted a driver convicted of driving while drunk, the choice of a jail sentence or having his license suspended.

Unruh Is Special Guest At Dinner for Candidate

Speaker of the California Assembly Jesse M. Unruh will be special guest at a Demi-Dinner honoring Assembly nominee James C. Roberts Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLaughlin, 6966 Crest Road, Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Other honored guests will be Joe Reichmann, State Senate nominee, and John McKee Pratt, candidate for Congress.

Unruh, leader of the California "Kennedy" delegation to the Democratic National Convention, has just recently been named honorary co-

chairman of Vice President Hubert Humphrey's campaign for President in California.

Sponsored by the Roberts for Assembly Committee, the "Delightfully Different" Demi-Dinner will feature gourmet delicacies with a surprise to spice the political chatter and remarks by the honored guests, Charles Wortham, Redondo Beach Man of the Year, is chairman for the event.

Civic and political leaders in the 46th Assembly District acting as sponsors for

the affair are Charles P. Hughes, Laniel McCarthy, William Piercy Jr., Lea F. X. Salisbury, and Mr. and Mrs. Roger B. Schriefer of Torrance.

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